GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have undertaken any review of the National Health Policy in view of emergences of various diseases;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether AIDS is proposed to be included in the National Health Policy; and

(d) if so, the details of programmes undertaken/proposed to be undertaken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a)to(d): The Draft National Health Policy focusing inter-alia on all communicable and non communicable diseases including AIDS was discussed at the Sixth Conference of the Central Council of Health & Family Welfare, the apex advisory body, held from 8th to 10th April, 1999 at New Delhi. The Council suggested a more in-depth examination of the strategies for strengthening of public health infrastructure at State level, human resource development including medical education, inter-sectoral coordination and interface between the Indian System of Medicine and modern medicine etc. Accordingly, the Draft National Health Policy is being appropriately redrafted in order to incorporate the various suggestions.